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Travelling allowance given to village officers when attending taluk headquarters.

* 219 *Q.*—Sri L. LAKSHMANA DAS : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a Village officer is required to appear before the District Medical Officer, when he applies for medical leave; and

(*b*) whether travelling allowance is given to a village munsif if he is asked to attend the taluk headquarters?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) No.

" (*b*) No. But, I may add that, in certain cases, the Revenue Divisional Officers have authorisation to sanction travelling allowance for the village munsif."

Sri L. LAKSHMANA DAS :—" Have definite instructions been issued to these officers to give travelling allowance to the village officers? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I may mention cases wherein travelling allowance is given—

(i) When the village officers undertake journeys to attend courts in connexion with their duties as village officers;

(ii) when they are required by competent authority to undertake journeys to give instructions to the local officers in suits;

(iii) when they undertake journeys to give instructions to officers of Government in connexion with Government suits;

(iv) when they are instructed to tour before Excise Officers or before officers of the Commercial Tax department; and

(v) when they undertake journeys to attend meetings of local bodies."

Dr. K. B. MENON :—" May I know under what category these village officers—munsifs and karnams—come, non-gazetted or gazetted or any other category? "

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" 'Traditional class', Sir." (Laughter.)

Sri L. LAKSHMANA DAS :—" The Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue said in reply to clause (*a*) of my question 'No'. But there are certain instances where, when a village officer applied for leave, the tahsildar asked him to appear before the Medical Officer. Will the Government issue orders to these officers not to commit such mistakes hereafter? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The prevailing rule is this. The tahsildar or the deputy tahsildar in full charge can grant leave for three months. Over and above that period, the matter has to go before the Revenue Divisional Officer who grants leave. But if the Revenue

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Divisional Officer doubts the *bona fides* of the leave application, he may ask the applicant to produce a medical certificate."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" Coming as I do from the traditional and honorary class, as our Chief Minister has classified them, I know some of the village officers are misusing their powers because of tradition. In view of this fact, may I ask the Hon. the Chief Minister whether he will consider the question of abolition of this class and the transfer of all their duties to the panchayats in future? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The entire Government will breakdown." (Cheers.)

SRI P. GOPALAKRISHNA REDDI :—" Will the Government consider the question of increasing the salaries of village officers in the estates taken over by the Government and converted into ryotwari areas, in view of the fact that they are paid by the Government the same salaries as they were paid previously—and some of them have not been paid any salary at all—even though the Government are extracting equal work and more from them? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The present question is about travelling allowance. This does not arise out of that question."

Construction of a dam across Gomukhi, South Arcot district.

* 220 Q.—SRI V. T. ELAYA PILLAY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the stage at which the work relating to the proposed construction of a dam across Gomukhi near Vadakanthal in South Arcot district is?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" The scheme has been deferred for the present."

SRI V. T. ELAYA PILLAY :—" நான்தான் கேள்விபோட்டது. பதிலை தமிழில் சொல்லும்படியாக நான் கேட்டுக்கொள்ளுகிறேன்."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—இந்த ஸ்கீம் தற்போது தள்ளி வைக்கப் பட்டிருக்கிறது.

SRI V. T. ELAYA PILLAY :—" இதற்குக்காரணம் என்னவென்று சொல்லுவார்களா ? " 11-10 a.m.

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" The scheme has been deferred because of the poor return expected from it."

Stationing of Armed Reserve Police in West Godavari district.

* 221 Q.—SRI P. S. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) in how many places, apart from Eluru and Narsapuram, the Armed Reserve Police is stationed in West Godavari district; and

(*b*) since when the Armed Reserve Police or Special Armed Police has been stationed in Kanuru Agraharam and for what purpose?